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SUBJECT: PROTEST CONTINUES AT TONGA ILBO

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1. 115 OUT OF ORIGINAL 150 STRIKING REPORTERS FROM TONGA ILBO ARE REPORTEDLY BACK AT WORK, WHILE REMAINDER CONTINUE SIT-IN AT TONGA OFFICES. OPPOSITION NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESIDENT KIM YONG-SAM VISITED STRIKING REPORTERS MARCH 14 AND URGED THEM TO RETURN TO WORK WHILE PRESSING FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES. KIM REPORTEDLY JOINED IN THIS APPEAL BY KIM TAE-CHUNG AND NDP SPOKESMAN YI TAEK-TONG, WHO STRESSED NEED FOR PAPER TO CONTINUE PUBLISHING. KIM YONG-SAM ALSO URGED REINSTATEMENT OF FIRED REPORTERS.

2. MODERATES ON TONGA STAFF HAVE MANAGED TO TURN OUT REDUCED ISSUE OF TONGA EACH DAY. PAPER WAS PRINTED ON HANKUK ILBO PRESSES LATE MARCH 13. HANKUK ILBO STAFF HAS REPORTEDLY PREVAILED ON ITS PUBLISHER NOT TO PERMIT PRINTING OF MARCH 14 EDITION, WHICH MAY GET PRINTED AT CHOSUN ILBO, WHERE MARCH 12 ISSUE WAS PRINTED. WORKING TONGA STAFF IS COMPILING
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EDITION IN OLD TONGA OFFICES.

3. MAIN TONGA OFFICES WERE CLOSED AFTERNOON OF
MARCH 14, REPORTEDLY BY MANAGEMENT WHICH WISHED TO
KEEP PUBLIC OUT OF INTERNAL TUG-OF-WAR OVER PROTEST
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